

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)	
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	CASE NO. 97-344
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)	
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

On July 30, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and NEXTEL Communications, Inc. ("NEXTEL") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks and unbundling of network elements. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

NEXTEL must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS
that the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and NEXTEL is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of October, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director